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FOR EUR/EX - MICHAEL CONLIN

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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS: CUSTOMS

REF: LONDON 15098

1. PURSUANT TO REQUEST FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS, EMBASSY'S CUSTOMS ATTACHE HAS DISCUSSED PROPOSED CUTS IN LONDON CUSTOMS STAFF REFTEL WITH DESIGNEES OF AMBASSADOR (DCM AND EC MIN). CUSTOMS ATTACHE DIFFERS WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION, CONSIDERING THAT SHIFT OF WORK TO US IS NOT PRACTICAL OR WOULD INCREASE COST TO US TAXPAYER. HE NOTES THAT CUSTOMS SERVICE IS A REVENUE PRODUCING ORGANIZATION AND CLOSELY REVIEWS ITS ALLOCATION OF POSITIONS ESPECIALLY OVERSEAS WHERE COSTS ARE HIGHER. HE ALSO POINTS OUT THAT STAFF HAS NOT BEEN ENLARGED (CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN POSITION HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED) AND THAT COLLECTION OF STATISTICS IS NOT SIGNIFICANT RESPONSIBILITY. INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXPORT CONTROL INVESTIGATIONS WAS ACCEPTED IN 1974.

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2. EMBASSY WISHES TO CLARIFY PERTINENT COMMENT IN REFTEL. PROPOSED REDUCTION OF ONE AMERICAN POSITION WAS INTENDED TO APPLY TO PROPOSED ADDITIONAL POSITION AND WOULD MEAN NO CHANGE IN PRESENT LEVEL OF US STAFF (I.E., TWO POSITIONS). REFERENCE TO COLLECTION OF STATISTICS WAS BASED ON MISUNDERSTANDING HERE AND SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM RATIONALE.

3. WHILE I UNDERSTAND EMBASSY CONCURRED IN ADDITION OF ONE US POSITION EARLY THIS YEAR (TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM ROME) THIS OF COURSE WAS DONE IN DIFFERENT CONTEXT THAN REFTEL, I.E., NOT IN THE CONTEXT OF PROGRAM FOR REDUCTION OF OVERSEAS PERSONNEL. MY RECOMMENDATION REFTEL FOR PRESENT CUSTOMS STAFF IS FOR REDUCTION OF ONE FSL POSITION FROM PRESENT ACTUAL STAFFING AND THAT PROPOSED ADDITIONAL POSITION SHOULD NOT BE AUTHORIZED.

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